

ANNUAL REPORT - 1998-99
THE SHELTON STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Plans for the 1998-99 operation of the Shelton State Alumni Association were made during the summer of 1998 with a dinner retreat at the home of the director, Lucy Kubiszyn. Seventeen members of the Shelton State Alumni Council attended. Tentative dates and plans were made for the year's activities.

The Alumni Association kicked off its annual membership campaign with a party in downtown Tuscaloosa at Barrett's Brew Pub in August followed by a business meeting of the Alumni Council in September. In October the Alumni Association's annual bonfire became the center of activities during Shelton's first Homecoming. Alumni worked to raise money to help a needy family during the holidays by selling concessions during the bonfire. Former Ambassadors and Phi theta Kappa members returned for a reunion and Shelton retirees visited with current faculty and staff during a Homecoming luncheon.

Christmas was a busy time for the Alumni Association. A Christmas party was held for all alumni members December 1. Letters from Santa Claus again was the primary fund raiser for the organization. In addition, the Alumni Association sponsored a special night at the college where children's pictures were taken with Father Christmas.

The Alumni Council met again in January to plan spring activities. Alumni Night at Buccaneer basketball was held in February. During the ball game, alumni sold hot dogs, soft drinks, and candy as another fund raising project. In March a new event, "Barbecue and Begonias," became an instant hit with members. The Alumni Council met again in April to finalize plans for the year and to discuss new officers.

The membership campaign resulted in 60 paid Active and Corporate members of the Alumni Association.. The Association currently has \$2,611.70 on deposit. In addition the Alumni Council voted this spring to invest an additional \$2000 in a Certificate of Deposit as the association plans for the future of the organization. Another first this year was a new newsletter, *THE ALUMNI NEWS*, for the association. Plans call for the newsletter to be published two or three times during the year.

The Shelton State Alumni Association owes a great deal of thanks to the college and the Shelton State Foundation for the continuing support of both organizations. New officers, who will be announced at the annual meeting tonight, will lead the Alumni Association into the new Millennium. A new working committee, The president's Advisory Committee, will work this year to help implement suggestions from the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.